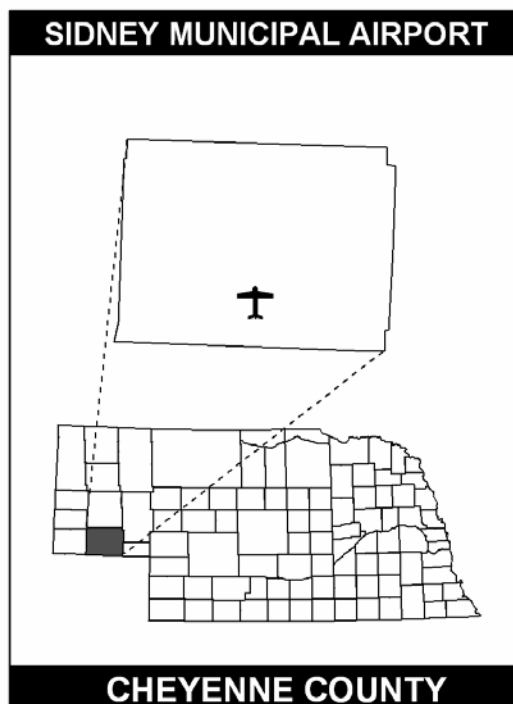


Airport Location

Sidney Municipal Airport is located three miles south of Sidney, Nebraska, in Cheyenne County. Sidney has a population of 6,129. Employers in the area include Cabela's, Krone-Prestolite Wire, Memorial Health Center, Egging Company, Haas Hop Products, Progress Rail, Pennington Seed, Nienhueser Construction, Adams & Son Trucking, Glover Industries, Crossroads Co-op, Scoular Grain, Security First Technology Center, K-West, U.S. Aprons, Anderson Forest Products, Burco Rail Services, Sloan Estates Assisted Living Center, and Van Vleet's Publishing. Local attractions include Cabela's and the Fort Sidney Complex-Post Commander's Home.

The airport, with 30 based aircraft, experiences approximately 10,800 aircraft operations annually. The 732-acre airport opened in 1947. The primary runway, Runway 12/30, measures 6,600 feet in length and 100 feet in width.

**Economic Impact**

Economic impacts at an airport are measured through employment, payroll, and output

(spending). On-airport business and government activities (direct impacts) account for a significant portion of an airport's first round economic benefits. Additional first round benefits are also linked to visitors who arrive via the State's system of airports (indirect impacts). Spending by these visitors supports additional employment and associated annual payroll. These first round impacts create additional spin-off benefits that ripple through the economy. The secondary or induced benefits were measured with Nebraska-specific IMPLAN multipliers. When combined, first round and secondary benefits equal the total economic impact associated with each airport.

First Round Impact

In 2002, there were four aviation-related tenants on the airport, including airport management, who supported 16 employees. These tenants' direct or first round employment, payroll, and output impacts were derived from survey data. Direct output from all on-airport aviation-related tenants is estimated at \$1.71 million annually. The estimated direct annual payroll of these tenants is \$462,000. Operational data indicated that approximately 4,356 visitors used the airport. Visitor-related spending supported an additional 18 full-time jobs for employees earning an estimated \$307,300 annually. Indirect output from general aviation visitors is estimated at \$486,100.

Secondary Impact

The first round impacts associated with on-airport tenants and general aviation visitors also create secondary impacts throughout the State. Secondary impacts are induced impacts calculated using the Nebraska specific IMPLAN multipliers. The accompanying table presents the 2002 first round, secondary, and total impacts for output, payroll, and employment as they relate to on-airport tenants and general aviation visitors.

Total Impact

For 2002, the total output (including first round and secondary impacts) stemming from all on-airport

tenants and general aviation visitors to Sidney Municipal Airport was approximately \$3.34 million. Total full-time employment related to airport tenants and general aviation visitors, including all secondary impacts, is estimated at approximately 51 persons with a total annual payroll (first round and secondary) of approximately \$1.18 million associated with these jobs.

Other Benefits

In addition to the economic benefits described above, Sidney Municipal Airport offers several services to the community. The airport supports many recreational aircraft in addition to corporate aircraft such as those belonging to Cabela's, Southern Kansas Telephone, American National Bank, and Pamida. The airport's Fixed Base Operator (FBO) provides aircraft maintenance, sales and rental, fuel, flight instruction, and courtesy transportation. The airport has daily UPS flights to Cheyenne for express mail and air cargo handling.

The airport is home to Western Nebraska Community College's airframe and power plant mechanics school. The FBO offers aerobatic training, and also organizes aerobatic shows and events.

The airport has strong ties to Cabela's headquarters located in Sidney. Cabela's has a corporate flight department at the airport, as well as a boat assembly facility. Management reports approximately 30-50 flights per week come to shop at the company's retail store.

A survey of over 100 hospitals in Nebraska gathered data to obtain information relating to how often hospitals use airports in Nebraska to bring specialists from out of the area, as well as how often airports are used for patient transfer. Survey data indicated Memorial Health Center uses the airport on average 53 times a year to bring doctors and specialists to the hospital to conduct clinics. These doctors fly in from Fort Collins, Denver and

Scottsbluff. In addition, the hospital uses aircraft four times per year for emergency patient transfer via air ambulance.

Summary

On an annual basis, Sidney Municipal Airport currently provides the following total benefits:

Sidney Municipal			
EMPLOYMENT			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	16	11	27
GA Visitors	<u>18</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>24</u>
Total	34	17	51
PAYROLL			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	\$462,800	\$233,800	\$696,600
GA Visitors	<u>\$307,300</u>	<u>\$175,700</u>	<u>\$483,000</u>
Total	\$770,100	\$409,500	\$1,179,600
OUTPUT			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	\$1,710,200	\$850,200	\$2,560,400
GA Visitors	<u>\$486,100</u>	<u>\$295,200</u>	<u>\$781,300</u>
Total	\$2,196,300	\$1,145,400	\$3,341,700

Source: Wilbur Smith Associates & IMPLAN multipliers

In a year's time, capital improvement-related construction spending at airports in Nebraska typically produces the following impacts:

Construction Impacts - Per \$100,000 in CIP Spending			
	First-Round Impact	Secondary Impact	Total Impact
Employment	1.8	2.3	4.1
Payroll	\$55,264	\$41,206	\$96,470
Output	\$100,000	\$70,250	\$170,250

Source: Wilbur Smith Associates, Inc. & IMPLAN multipliers